

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph following "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following amended paragraph:

a \ This application is related to United States Patent Application Nos. 09/246,047 to Killian et al., now U.S. Patent No. 6,477,683; 09/323,161 to Wilson et al.; 09/192,395 to Killian et al., now U.S. Patent No. 6,282,633; 09/322,735 to Killian et al., now U.S. Patent No. 6,477,697; 09/506,502 to Wang et al.; and 09/506,433 to Songer et al., all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please delete the Appendix beginning at page 36, line 1 and continuing through page 72.